

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided by the Union Government to this Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). After conclusion of the total literacy campaign in Kerala in April 1991, the Kerala Saksharata Samiti has started on the post literacy programme covering 12.22 lakh neo-literates in the entire State. The proposal has been approved by the Executive Committee of the National Literacy Mission Authority at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.20 crores, to be shared by the Central and the State Governments in the ratio of 2: 1.

National Centre for Treatment and Research of Thalassaemia

1006. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for setting up of a national centre for the treatment and research of Thalassaemia has been received by the Government; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Additional Lines on Howrah-Kharagpur Section

1007. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to

start construction of the fourth line from Howrah to Panskura and the third line from Panskura to Kharagpur in Kharagpur division on South Eastern Railway in view of tremendous growth of passenger and goods traffic on this route;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) to (c). A survey has been carried out and the report is under finalisation. Further decision would depend on results of survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Proposal for a Nature Park in Andhra Pradesh

1008. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union for conversion of forests land abetting Visakhapatnam into a nature park; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No such proposal has been received by the Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Does not arise.

Wagons for Solapur Station

1009. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYA SADUL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-availability of adequate number of wagons at the Solapur Station of Central Railway a large quantity of fruits and animal skins were perished during the last two years;

(b) if so, the number of wagons made available there at the peak season as compared to normal season during the last two years; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to allot sufficient number of wagons at the station especially at peak season in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Supply of Printing Papers for Text Books

1010. SHRI G.M.C. BALAYOGI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are supplying any paper for printing of text-books to the States on subsidised rates regularly; and

(b) if so, the quantum of paper released by Government to various State Governments during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Till 31st March, 1990, there was a scheme for subsidised supply of white printing paper for the production of school text books and exercise books. The scheme was discontinued thereafter.

(b) The following quantity of white printing paper was allotted to the States/UTs during the last three years:-

1989-90	:	A statement is attached.
1990-91	:	Nil
1991-92	:	Nil

STATEMENT

<i>S. No.</i>	<i>States/UTs</i>	<i>Quantity of paper allotted during 1989-90 (in MTs.)</i>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5,278
2.	Assam	2,720
3.	Bihar	5,312
4.	Gujarat	4,208
5.	Haryana	1,496
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1,140
7.	J & K	624